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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the application, please
amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

already granted and A
Please cancel claims 1-25 and 30. *Nil. no claim, 30*

Please amend the claims as follows:

BC 26. (Amended) A process for forming a multi-ply fiber
web comprising:

moving a belt in a first direction toward a combining
section and at a first orientation in the combining section, and
forming a first fiber ply on the moving first belt;

forming a second fiber ply on a first wire section
wire; advancing (the first fiber section wire) with the second ply
thereon in a second direction toward the combining section;